

THOUGHT ESCAPED.

Several Russian Ships May Have Got Away From Their Pursuers.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—A long-circulated dispatch reached Emperor Nicholas during Monday night, but its contents had not been made public up to noon Tuesday. It was unofficially stated that several fast Russian ships succeeded in shaking off their pursuers and reach Vladivostok. The government is now in possession of its own version of the naval disaster at Korea. Nevertheless, it appears to be in a quandary as how to break the news to the country. A war council was held at Tsarskoe-Selo at which the emperor urged the issue of an imperial manifesto. So far as the newspapers are concerned, the public might believe that the Russian fleet achieved a victory. The censor passed all vague rumors favorable to the Russians, but blue-penciled everything indicating a Russian disaster. While the disastrous news spread like wild-fire by word of mouth over the capital and was quickly telegraphed privately to big centers by anti-government leaders, the country cannot be said to be in a state of ignorance as to what happened. Editors of Liberal papers here, being conversant with the contents of the Tokyo dispatches, warn their readers in a round-about fashion against harboring false hopes based upon dispatches which appear in the news columns. The Bourne Gazette quite openly declares it to be a sin to conceal the fact that all hope of Russia obtaining the mastery of the sea has vanished, adding: "The significance of the collapse of this hope is self-evident."

IS ADMITTED.

Cruiser Almaz Seems the Only Vessel Reaching Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The admiralty officially admits the sinking of the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, Borodino, Soliyaba and Orei and repair ship Kametchatka. The loss of these vessels was definitely established by Captain Chagrin of the cruiser Almaz. No statement regarding the ships captured were made. The cruiser Almaz is the only ship of the Russian fleet that is absolutely known to have arrived at Vladivostok, although according to unofficial reports, several others escaped.

The Exchange Telegraph company of London May 30 received a dispatch from its correspondent at St. Petersburg announcing the Russian cruiser Almaz eluded the Japanese fleet and reached Vladivostok.

The Kniaz Souvaroff was a first-class battleship and was completed last year. She was built at St. Petersburg and had a speed of eighteen knots. Her armament consisted of four twelve-inch guns, twelve six-inch guns, twenty three-inch guns and had six torpedo tubes and had a crew numbering 740 officers and men.

FIRST DEFINITE NEWS.

Russian Captain Sends Initial Information From His Side.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The first definite news from Russian sources of the naval battle fought in the Straits of Korea came from Captain Chagrin of the cruiser Almaz, who arrived at Vladivostok. He telegraphed to the emperor that he witnessed the sinking of the battleship Souvaroff and reported that Admiral Rojestvensky was wounded. Captain Chagrin saw Rojestvensky lowered on board the torpedo-boat destroyer Bulny and said that the admiral was presumably saved. The Bulny, however, had not reached Vladivostok when Captain Chagrin sent the telegram and his whereabouts.

LOST TWELVE.

Japanese Torpedo-boats Played Leading Role in the Conflict.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—Private dispatches from Vladivostok say the Russians lost twelve warships sunk and captured during the engagement. According to these reports the Japanese torpedo boats played the principal role in the defeat of the Russian fleet. They went into action again and again under a perfect hail of shot from Russian rapid fire guns. More than one-half the Japanese flotilla of torpedo boats was sunk. The protected cruiser Jemischug, reported sunk, has arrived at Vladivostok.



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LOSS OF TWENTY-TWO

These Figures Represent What Battle Cost Russia

IN WAY OF VESSELS.

In Addition to This Catastrophe, a Great Number of Naval Fighters, Including High Officials, Are Captured.

Washington, May 31.—According to latest reports from Vice Admiral Togo up to midnight Tuesday night, sent to his government, the loss of the Russians in ships sunk or captured numbers twenty-two.

The admiral says that none of his big fighting ships were seriously damaged. Interesting news comes from Vladivostok sent direct by the correspondent of the Associated Press, who reports that the arrival there of the protected cruiser Almaz and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozny. The officers of the Almaz say they witnessed the sinking of two Japanese battleships and that two Japanese cruisers were listing badly and seemed about to sink when the fog obscured further view of the battle. There seems to be great confusion as to the fate of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. It is reported that he arrived at Vladivostok on the torpedo-boat Bulny, badly wounded and that his wife received a telegram from him, while a report received from Tokyo late Tuesday night at the legation at Washington says that he was captured on board the Russian destroyer Bledovy with another admiral, both severely wounded, and with several staff officers of his flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff, the sinking of which is confirmed by the officers of the Almaz.

The Japanese legation received a cablegram from the foreign office at Tokyo conveying Togo's dispatches. The report says that Admiral Rojestvensky and other admirals and staff officers were taken prisoners on the sinking of Rojestvensky's flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff, Saturday night. The total number of vessels lost to the Russians, according to Admiral Togo, now reaches twenty-two, and he adds that, although the full particulars are not yet in, none of the Japanese ships was seriously injured and the loss to the first division of the Japanese fleet was over 400. The report says that the armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi ran aground on Uleung Island; that the battleships Oshio, already admitted lost by the Russian admiralty and the Navarin, were sunk; that the battleship Sissoi Veliky went to the bottom Sunday morning; that the coast defense ship Admiral Oushakoff was sunk after a vigorous pursuit, her crew being rescued, and gives other details as to vessels sunk or disabled. The Japanese admiral was slightly wounded.

WERE THIRTY-FIVE.

Russian Battleships to the Northward Enveloped by the Japanese.

Tokio, May 31.—A warrant officer of the Russian repair ship Kametchatka, who landed at Moji, says: "Our fleet entered the Straits of Korea, numbering thirty-five vessels. The Kametchatka received several shots and was partially disabled. Finally a shot struck a vital part and sixty men were killed. When they were nearly clear a great explosion occurred and the ship sank. The captain and seven officers were killed during the battle. Two officers were wounded and two jumped overboard. Three other officers were drowned. We could see our battleships to the northward enveloped by the Japanese. Seemingly they were badly damaged."

Two Arrive.

Vladivostok, May 31.—Only two vessels of the Russian fleet had arrived here up to midnight Tuesday night. Officers on both vessels say that both fleets had already sustained terrible losses when the Almaz and Grozny broke through the hostile lines. Of the Japanese, two battleships had gone down before their eyes and two cruisers, their sterns high out of the water, seemed ready to plunge headforemost to the bottom of the sea.

Thrice Wounded.

London, May 31.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard asserts that Mins. Rojestvensky's wife of the commander of the Russian fleet, has received a telegram from Vladivostok, signed by her husband, saying that he had arrived there on board the cruiser Almaz and that he was severely wounded in the neck, back and abdomen.

Sinks With All Hands.

London, May 31.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Express reports that the cruiser Cromobol of the Vladivostok squadron with nearly 800 men on board, issued from Vladivostok with the hope of joining the remnant of Rojestvensky's fleet and that it struck a Japanese mine and sunk with all hands.

Nearly Annihilated.

Tokio, May 31.—Admiral Togo has wired Admiral Yamamoto, minister of the navy, as follows: "The main force of Russian Second and Third fleets is nearly annihilated. Please feel assured of it."

Compress to Resume.

Muskogee, May 31.—The Gulf Compress company has closed a deal for the Muskogee compress, which has been idle for the last three years, and will spend \$10,000 improving the plant, which will be ready for operation Sept. 1. New warehouses are to be built and the capacity of the compress increased.

Anadarko Isolated.

Anadarko, Okla., May 31.—Anadarko is now cut off from the world. Until Tuesday trains were able to reach this point by way of the Frisco from Enid to Hobart and then to this city, but now the Canadian bridge on that road is also cut.

MAGNITUDE CONFIRMED.

Russians Are Much Oppressed Over the Terrible Naval Disaster.

Washington, May 30.—Advises confirm the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian fleet, and point to the fact that Russia's hopes, so far as this war is concerned, now lie in whatever may be accomplished by the army in Manchuria. An official report received from Tokyo by the Japanese legation at Washington Monday evening says that the Russian losses definitely known include two battleships, a coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special ships and three destroyers sunk and two battleships, two coast defense ships, one destroyer and one special service ship captured while over 3000 prisoners have been taken, including Rear Admiral Nebogatoff. The Japanese, it would seem, are still pursuing the Russians, and it may be some time before the final result is known.

There is nothing to indicate clearly the extent of the Japanese losses, and it is suggested from one source that the Tokyo government is waiting to hear from Admiral Rojestvensky by way of Vladivostok before announcing to what extent its fleet has suffered. The news of the disaster has caused deep depression in official Russia, though it is not yet known generally among the Russian people. Rojestvensky's defeat has given rise to renewed talk of peace. It is pointed out by the Associated Press' St. Petersburg correspondent that Russia, in this crisis, will turn to France, through its foreign minister, Del Casse, while from Washington comes information that President Roosevelt, in accordance with his promise announced a long time ago, is taking steps to do all in his power to bring about peace negotiations.

Nothing has been heard from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. In Tokyo there is some belief that he has perished, while another source says he was rescued by a torpedo boat, and that he is wounded.

Was a British Vessel.

Washington, May 30.—Minister Griscom has cabled the state department that the ship supposed to be an American which was sunk off the coast of Formosa May 30 by the Russian fleet was a British vessel, according to a report made to him by the Japanese government.

MADE PAYABLE.

Important Decision Upholding State Tax on Corporation Franchises.

New York, May 30.—Unpaid taxes, amounting to more than \$24,000,000, in the Greater New York, are made payable by the decision of the supreme court of the United States upholding the state tax on corporation franchises. Among the companies affected and the sums due from each under the law are the following: The Manhattan Elevated Railway company, \$4,221,951; Consolidated Gas company, \$1,489,966; Metropolitan Traction system, \$6,675,184; Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, \$2,222,650; the Brooklyn Union Gas company, \$931,268, and the New York and Harlem Railroad company, \$984,024.

PLEADS FOR SWEETHEART.

Helen Davis Asks That Man Who Shot Her Be Given His Liberty.

Philadelphia, May 30.—Helen Davis, the chorus girl who was shot by Edward Smedes, a member of the company, Monday appeared at the central police station to plead for her assailant's liberty. The girl, who has been in a hospital since the shooting, left the institution Sunday night and with her mother, who came from her home in Nebraska, and went to her boarding house. She said she intended to withdraw all charges against her sweetheart because, she said, "he did not mean to hurt me." Smedes was arraigned before a magistrate charged with murderous assault.

The magistrate refused to release Smedes and he was held for the action of the grand jury. That body later ignored the indictment, and Smedes was released from custody.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mint of City of Mexico is turning out new coins.
Blacksmiths' union was organized at Ennis, Tex.
Herbert Holzhauer, a boy, drowned near Cuero, Tex.
Solomon Hall, a San Antonio merchant since 1884, is dead.
A 7000-barrel well has come in in the Humble, Tex., oil field.
Claude Fields of Dye, I. T. was drowned near Tahlequah.
Andrew Williams and Harry Stapleton, boys, were drowned near Victoria, Tex.
A. E. Hedberg was drowned in Galveston bay. Body was mutilated by fish and crabs.
Johanna Orr, a negro, charged at Sherman with murder of her husband, is under \$3000 bond.
The little son of W. L. Blizard of Woodland, Red River county, Texas, was bitten by a mad dog.
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilbur of Grenada, Miss., was killed in a runaway on Mission ridge, near Chattanooga.
Tom McCaswell was killed at Don Tol, near Bay City, Tex. S. W. Cates of Van Vleck surrendered himself.
Near Randolph, Fannin county, Texas, Marion Blanton was shot through the left lung. Claude McClure was arrested.
Armour Packing company has purchased at Galveston \$20,000 worth of property and an exporting plant is believed probable.
In the James river near Springfield, Mo., Frederick Lee, Frank Gray and Misses Lou Rhodes and Sarah Gates were drowned by boat capsizing.
In a fight at Laredo between Pedro Almeida and Estaban Martinez, former was stabbed to death and latter cut in back.

TOGO AND HIS TRIUMPH

Story of the Memorable Battle of Naval Vessels in

STRAITS OF KOREA.

Kamimura Went Outside and Foiled the Plans of the Russian Admiral and He Was Compelled to Fight.

Tokio, May 31.—Beyond the results, little was known here Tuesday of Admiral Togo's stunning victory over Admiral Rojestvensky. Rojestvensky reached Quelpart Island, Korea, early Saturday and headed for Tsu Islands. The exact number of the vessels in his fleet is not clear, but he had his main fighting vessels with a number of light cruisers and transports. The disposition of the Japanese fleet appears to have been an ideal one.

Admiral Togo had waited for weeks in the vicinity of the Tsu Islands, refusing to be lured away and to forfeit his advantage. The inner line was held by Admiral Togo with the battleships and Vice Admiral Kamimura with the cruisers. Rear Katakao with the light squadron first attacked Rojestvensky. The order and circumstances of the attack are not clear. According to one report, Kamimura went outside the straits and foiled Rojestvensky's plans, preventing his retreat. When Rojestvensky encountered Admiral Togo there was a running fight to the northeastward Saturday afternoon. There was a series of desperate and successful torpedo attacks Saturday night and a resumption of the battle on Sunday, Togo pressing the Russian fleet toward the southwestern coast of Korea. Pending the conclusion of the Japanese pursuit and the identification of the three vessels which Russian prisoners report were sunk, and the determination of the condition of the damaged ships which escaped to the northward, it is impossible to tell the remaining strength of the Russians, but the most liberal allowance leaves the Japanese overwhelmingly masters of the sea. Only fragmentary tidings of the victory have been in circulation in Tokyo since Saturday.

The people were confident, but official confirmation of their belief and hope thrilled the people as nothing has since hostilities began. The long voyage of Admiral Rojestvensky, the equality on paper of the strength of the fleets, the irritation caused by reported violations of neutrality, the apparent certainty that a formidable section of the Russian fleet would reach Vladivostok, the vital hearings of the contest of the war and possibly the future of the country created intense strain, which Admiral Togo's victory ends instantly.

Reports received up to noon Tuesday indicated that Admiral Togo obtained a victory without loss or serious damage of a single battleship or cruiser. His casualties are not reported, but are insignificant. It is believed that the Russian casualties are heavy, although the Japanese appear to have rescued a large number.

The captured ships with prisoners and wounded are arriving at Sasebo. A number of the Russian prisoners were landed safely on Tsu Island. Three hundred believed to be from the transport Ural have been landed on the Iwami coast. The political effect of the battle and its influence on commerce has been already felt. The navy department has notified shipping men that the sea was free. There was a scene of wild enthusiasm on the stock exchange. Prices in some instances were the highest since the war began. The emperor, princes and ministers are dispatching congratulations to Admiral Togo, who, it is thought, will be given high rank and other imperial honors.

Already a popular idol, he has become a demigod in the popular estimation. It is expected that Vice Admiral Kamimura, Rear Admiral Katakao and other commanders will be honored. Foreign observers sharply criticize Admirals Rojestvensky and Nebogatoff despite the meagerness of the knowledge of the details and conditions which governed them. Admiral Rojestvensky is criticized for not sending his light cruisers and transports by the northern straits, his failure to arrange a co-operation with the Vladivostok squadron and his battle formation, which consisted of all the strong ships on the starboard column and the weaker craft on the port column. Rear Admiral Nebogatoff's courage in surrendering on Sunday apparently without a fight is questioned, although it is admitted that his ships were badly battered Saturday.

Captain Roshinoff, commander of the Russian armored cruiser Admiral Nakhimoff, and other survivors have been brought to Moji. The Admiral Nakhimoff was sunk near Tsu Island Saturday, seemingly by a mine or a submarine vessel. Captain Roshinoff says that his vessel was entering the straits with the fleet. Suddenly there was a tremendous explosion and the Admiral Nakhimoff speedily sank carrying a majority of her crew. Captain Roshinoff reached a damaged steam launch off and was picked up on Sunday. "No other survivors used life belts and were rescued by fishermen. It is impossible to determine the particular manner of the destruction of the individual Russian ships. It is reported that submarine vessels and specially laid mines were used."

Dangerous in Extreme.

Gunchu Pass, May 31.—Border warfare along the frontiers of Mongolia are adventurous and dangerous in the extreme. Prince Leopold of Prussia arrived here to visit the Russian positions. He was received by General Linkevitch at Godsmadan and after wards proceeded south. The principal activity of Japanese cavalry which is unusually bold, is now sustained by the army appears to be disappointed in expectation of a larger movement from Fokoman.

Reported Captured.

Tokio, May 31.—It was reported Tuesday that Rojestvensky had been captured and seriously wounded.

SEIZED BRIDLES.

Three Wagons Surrounded by a Large Mob Armed With Clubs.

Chicago, May 31.—A crowd of more than 800 persons armed with clubs and other weapons surrounded three wagons owned by a lumber company. The non-union drivers and special policemen who were guarding them were attacked. Nine men were arrested charged with assault and disorderly conduct. This happened Monday night. While the wagons were passing



PRESIDENT SHEAR.

along North Halsted street a number of persons ran into the street and seized the brides of the horses. Attempts were made to pull the drivers from their wagons. Then policemen with drawn clubs fought and clubbed the rioters. Many of the strike sympathizers were cut and bruised by stones intended for the police and non-union drivers.

Tuesday being Memorial day, there was a lull in the teamsters' strike.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL.

First of the Great Mass Meetings Planned Is Held.

New York, May 31.—The first of the great mass meetings planned by ministers now working to inaugurate a religious revival in this city has been held in the Academy of Music. The big theater was about two-thirds filled. Unique methods were used to gather a crowd. A dozen automobiles, ten of them furnished by a woman deeply interested in the revival movement, invaded the main thoroughfares and the side streets. Reinforced by music speakers in the automobiles told of the meeting and besought all to attend. One group of three automobiles carried a brass band. The single cars carried a chaffeur, a speaker and a musician, who played on a small organ fitted between the seats. Meetings of a similar character will continue through the summer.

Ten Years For Mulligan.

Milwaukee, May 31.—Arthur S. Mulligan, who, on Jan. 21, entered into a suicide compact with Florence Groves pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the municipal court Monday, and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. In accordance with a suicidal pact she made four attempts to take her life by drinking poison on Jan. 25 and on the morning of Jan. 23. After her death Mulligan, who had procured the poison, "lost his nerve," fled from Milwaukee and was later arrested at Racine.

Will Not Consider.

New York, May 30.—That the officials of the various express companies concerned in the Chicago teamsters' strike will consider no compromise of the dispute with their men was the statement made, following an informal conference of the express officials in the office of Senator Platt, president of the United States Express company in this city.

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The house was crowded with about 200 spectators which caused the superintendent to lower his brow occasionally when they got in his way.

There was no trouble in starting up. The machinery was in perfect order and no delay was witnessed.

The fruit was dew berries that they began on. The berries start at the front of the building, where they are picked and cleaned, thence to the canners, thence to the station where each can is filled with hot water, then through the can-wiper on the carrier, to the capper, thence to the sealer, thence to the tipper who dumps into the crate in which they are cooked in the process kettle, after which they are placed in the cooler, then carried to the storage room. One case was sold to Horton Bros., before the first can was sealed.

They put up about three hundred dozen cans last night.

We have in the cannery a great enterprise for Durant, that will keep at home thousands of dollars that have been heretofore sent abroad.

A. Frank Ross the promoter is entitled to a vote of thanks from our people.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Was Celebrated Yesterday by the Old Veterans.

Yesterday a few of the old soldiers representing the Confederate veterans and the Grand Army men met, marched to both cemeteries and the graves of the soldiers of both armies were decorated alike.

They were led by the Durant band which played the old and new martial airs, that must have caused these old men's hearts to beat fast, and their eyes to brighten, as their minds turned back to the sixties, when they were arrayed one against the other, in the most terrific struggle recorded in modern warfare, now marching side by side, under a common flag, brothers in a common country, decorating alike the graves of those who wore the gray and the blue.

While political differences may cause a division, in their hearts as well as in the hearts of the younger generation, they are brothers, citizens of one common country.

Forty years separates them from the passions and fierce slaughter of war; passions have cooled, hatred and intolerance have fled, leaving nothing but tender memories—and the Yank and Johnnie of those days are memories to be cursed and discussed, but never connected with the remnant of each army left, who are brothers, friends and neighbors.

Messrs. Claud Hatchett and Victor Phillips were the speakers of the day and their talks were very appropriate for the occasion.